

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

An Internet-based font server (10) for access by an Internet browser (20) to provide the browser (20) with
5 representations of text elements, such as ideographic characters, in one of a plurality of languages for browsing a web page (30) in that language over the Internet. The server (10) comprises an associated website for access by the browser (20), a database of ideographic
10 character fonts of different sizes and styles, first means (31) for downloading the web page (30) to the server (10), and a parser program (40). The parser program (40) is arranged to identify text codes of the ideographic characters in the web page (30) and replace the
15 identified text codes with respective URL (Uniform Resource Locator) addresses, thereby converting the text of the web page (30) into said URL addresses. The server (10) includes second means (46) for returning the converted web page to the browser (20), and third means
20 (43) for downloading the font files via the respective URL addresses to the browser (20) upon request by the browser (20). Alternatively, the parser program (40) may be located at the browser (20).